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On page 2, after the 1st paragraph (line 7) and before the 2nd paragraph (line 8), please INSERT the following line:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

On page 3, after the 2nd paragraph (line 11) and before the third paragraph (line 12), please INSERT the following line:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

On page 3, beginning at line 12, please DELETE the following text:

"The invention will be described in more detail below with reference to an example embodiment, by way of the drawing, in which:"

On page 3, after line 28 and before line 29, please INSERT the following line:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT--

On page 5, line 6, after "which", please insert --screen--.

On page 5, line 27, after "windows, please delete "46 and 47" and insert --47 and 48--.

In the Claims:

With respect now to claims 1-5 of the International Application as published on April 27, 2000 and the attached English translation thereof:

After the heading CLAIMS and before claim 1, please ADD the following line:

--We claim:--

Please DELETE claims 1-5.

Please INSERT the following new claims 6-10:

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--6. A relay comprising: a base that defines a base plane; a magnet system arranged on the base including a coil, a core and an armature; at least one pair of closing spring contacts and at least one pair of opening spring contacts, each pair of spring contacts including a passive and an active spring contact, and each spring contact being secured in the base, standing perpendicular to the base plane, and having at an end remote from the base a contact portion; and an actuating slide movable parallel to the base plane to act on each active spring contact, in the vicinity of the contact portion

characterised in that

the slide acts on the active spring contact of the pair of opening spring contacts at a different spacing from the spacing at the base and from that at which it acts on the corresponding closing spring contacts.--

--7. The relay according to Claim 6, wherein the slide acts on the active opening spring contacts in each case at a larger spacing as regards the point at which it is secured in the base from that at which it acts on the active closing spring contacts.--

--8. The relay according to Claim 7, wherein all the active spring contacts are of the same construction.--

--9. The relay according to Claim 6, wherein in the untensioned condition all the active spring contacts adopt an open position with respect to their associated passive spring contacts, and in that the active opening spring contacts are switched by the force of a restoring spring and the active closing spring contacts are switched by the force of the magnet system to their respective closing position.--